Workplace Fatalities



11/13/98 Crushed

A maintenance worker was crushed to death inside a trash compactor.

It is unknown why he was inside the compactor, as he was scheduled to fill a hydraulic fluid reservoir on the outside of the compactor. No lockout or tag-out systems had been activated before he entered the compactor. The company had a plan for locking out machinery before maintenance was performed and provided update training to employees this past August.

Questions to ask?

- How is it assured that all employees will follow the lockout procedures on which they have been trained?
- Are employees able to identify all forms of stored energy?